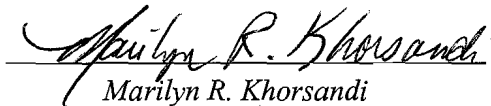


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE  
WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
UNDER 37 CFR §1.114**

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In response to the Decision on Appeal regarding the above-identified application, dated March 22, 2011, Amendments to the Claims are submitted herewith; a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") is concurrently filed herewith. The Appeal Decision set a two-month period of time in which to reply, until May 22, 2011, a Sunday. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment and Response and the concurrently-filed RCE are timely filed within the two-month period set by the Appeal Decision because they are filed before the expiration of May 23, 2011, the first business day following the May 22, 2011 date. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the concurrently-filed RCE and in view of the Amendments and the Response and Remarks below are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Response and Remarks** begin on page 31 of this paper.